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Please find below and/or attached an Office communication concerning this application or proceeding.

Office Action Summary	Application No.	Applicant(s)	
	10/028,813	MUJICA ET AL.	
	Examiner	Art Unit	
	Umar Arshad	2174	

-- The MAILING DATE of this communication appears on the cover sheet with the correspondence address --

Period for Reply

A SHORTENED STATUTORY PERIOD FOR REPLY IS SET TO EXPIRE 3 MONTH(S) FROM THE MAILING DATE OF THIS COMMUNICATION.

- Extensions of time may be available under the provisions of 37 CFR 1.136(a). In no event, however, may a reply be timely filed after SIX (6) MONTHS from the mailing date of this communication.
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 - If NO period for reply is specified above, the maximum statutory period will apply and will expire SIX (6) MONTHS from the mailing date of this communication.
 - Failure to reply within the set or extended period for reply will, by statute, cause the application to become ABANDONED (35 U.S.C. § 133).
- Any reply received by the Office later than three months after the mailing date of this communication, even if timely filed, may reduce any earned patent term adjustment. See 37 CFR 1.704(b).

Status

- 1) ☒ Responsive to communication(s) filed on 21 December 2001.
- 2a) ☐ This action is **FINAL**. 2b) ☒ This action is non-final.
- 3) ☐ Since this application is in condition for allowance except for formal matters, prosecution as to the merits is closed in accordance with the practice under *Ex parte Quayle*, 1935 C.D. 11, 453 O.G. 213.

Disposition of Claims

- 4) ☒ Claim(s) 1-15 is/are pending in the application.
- 4a) Of the above claim(s) _____ is/are withdrawn from consideration.
- 5) ☐ Claim(s) _____ is/are allowed.
- 6) ☒ Claim(s) 1-15 is/are rejected.
- 7) ☐ Claim(s) _____ is/are objected to.
- 8) ☐ Claim(s) _____ are subject to restriction and/or election requirement.

Application Papers

- 9) ☐ The specification is objected to by the Examiner.
- 10) ☐ The drawing(s) filed on _____ is/are: a) ☐ accepted or b) ☐ objected to by the Examiner.
Applicant may not request that any objection to the drawing(s) be held in abeyance. See 37 CFR 1.85(a).
Replacement drawing sheet(s) including the correction is required if the drawing(s) is objected to. See 37 CFR 1.121(d).
- 11) ☐ The oath or declaration is objected to by the Examiner. Note the attached Office Action or form PTO-152.

Priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119

- 12) ☐ Acknowledgment is made of a claim for foreign priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(a)-(d) or (f).
- a) ☐ All b) ☐ Some * c) ☐ None of:
1. ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received.
2. ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received in Application No. _____.
3. ☐ Copies of the certified copies of the priority documents have been received in this National Stage application from the International Bureau (PCT Rule 17.2(a)).
- * See the attached detailed Office action for a list of the certified copies not received.

Attachment(s)

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| 1) <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Notice of References Cited (PTO-892) | 4) <input type="checkbox"/> Interview Summary (PTO-413)
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DETAILED ACTION

Claim Rejections - 35 USC § 102

The following is a quotation of the appropriate paragraphs of 35 U.S.C. 102 that form the basis for the rejections under this section made in this Office action:

A person shall be entitled to a patent unless –

(e) the invention was described in (1) an application for patent, published under section 122(b), by another filed in the United States before the invention by the applicant for patent or (2) a patent granted on an application for patent by another filed in the United States before the invention by the applicant for patent, except that an international application filed under the treaty defined in section 351(a) shall have the effects for purposes of this subsection of an application filed in the United States only if the international application designated the United States and was published under Article 21(2) of such treaty in the English language.

Claims 1 – 15 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 102(e) as being anticipated by Bauchot et al., U.S. Patent No. 6,592,626.

As per claim 1, Bauchot teaches a user interface for a spreadsheet computer program comprising:

a cursor operable by user input which indicates at least one currently selected cell (see Bauchot, column 5, lines 11 – 21); and

a lock cell input which immediately locks any cell currently selected by the cursor by changing a status of any currently selected cell to a locked status (see Bauchot, column 8, lines 35 – 40).

As per claim 2, which is dependent on claim 1, Bauchot teaches the user interface of claim 1 (see rejection above). Bauchot further teaches the user interface of Claim 1, wherein the lock cell input toggles the lock status of any cell currently selected by the cursor (see Bauchot, column 8, lines 3 – 40).

As per claim 3, which is dependent on claim 1, Bauchot teaches the user interface of claim 1 (see rejection above). Bauchot further teaches the user interface of Claim 1, further indicates if at least one currently selected cell has a locked status (see Bauchot, column 8, lines 2 – 5).

As per claim 4, which is dependent on claim 1, Bauchot teaches the user interface of claim 1 (see rejection above). Bauchot further teaches the user interface of Claim 1, further includes a cell lock indicator associated with the cell of any cell that has a locked status (see Bauchot, column 8, lines 2 – 5).

As per claim 5, which is dependent on claim 1, Bauchot teaches the user interface of claim 1 (see rejection above). Bauchot further teaches the user interface of Claim 4, further allows the user to turn off and on the cell lock indicator so that any cell that has a locked status will not be indicated in the cell when turned off and will be indicated when turn on (see Bauchot, column 8, lines 2 – 5 and lines 48 - 52).

As per claims 6 – 10, they are of similar scope to claim 1 – 5, respectively, and are rejected under the same rationale (see rejections above).

As per claims 11 – 15, they are of similar scope to claim 1 – 5, respectively, and are rejected under the same rationale (see rejections above).

Conclusion

Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to Umar Arshad whose telephone number is (703) 305-0329. The examiner can normally be reached on Monday - Friday, 9am - 5:30pm.

If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, Kristine L Kincaid can be reached on (703) 308-0640. The fax phone number for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned is 703-872-9306.

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